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In re Application of:)
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Makoto HARADA et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/589,168) Group Art Unit: 1725
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Filed: June 8, 2000) Examiner: M. Elve
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Allowed: June 24, 2004) Confirmation No.: 9765
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For: HYDROGEN REMOVING)
APPARATUS)

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Sir:

**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on June 7, 2004. In reviewing our files, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the references were considered by the examiner.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449, and the postcard that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement and stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, is attached.

The Examiner is respectfully requested either to send us a duplicate of the copy of the Form PTO-1449 or issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) which both acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the reference was considered by the Examiner.

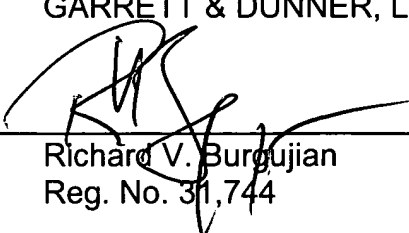
Respectfully submitted,

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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure, including Form PTO-1449 and one cited document
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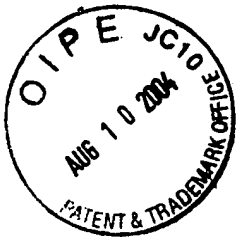
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Applicants file this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time of filing this IDS. This IDS supplements the IDS filed on June 8, 2002 and the IDS filed on June 11, 2002.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Applicants attach a copy of the listed document. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate its consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO-1449 form.

Applicants point out that the listed document is mentioned on page 4 of the Specification of this application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the document.

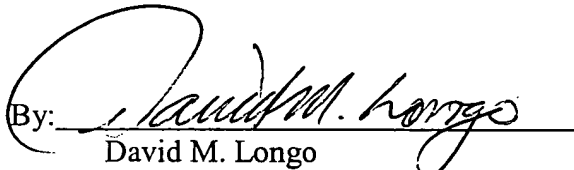
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
5-507553	10/1993	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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